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a base;
first and second arms extending from the base;
first and second retainers attached respectively to the first and the second
arms;
wherein one of the arms or one of the retainers is flexible such that the first
and the second retainers can be spread apart to receive sports memorabilia and then
released to hold the memorabilia therebetween; and
~~sports memorabilia supported between the first and second retainers.~~

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14. (Amended) A display device for holding sports memorabilia comprising:
a base;
a rigid arm assembly extending from the base and including first and second
arms having spaced apart distal ends;
first and second flexible cups attached respectively to the first and the second arms
such that the cups face one another, wherein the flexible cups can be pressed against the
arms to receive sports memorabilia between the cups and then released to hold the
memorabilia therebetween; and
sports memorabilia supported between the first and second retainers.

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17. (Twice Amended) A display device comprising:
a base;
first and second arms extending from the base;
first and second retainers attached respectively to the first and the second
arms;
wherein at least one of the retainers is flexible such that sports memorabilia
can be inserted therebetween and supported thereby; and
sports memorabilia supported between the first and second retainers.

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36. (Amended) A display device for holding sports memorabilia comprising:

a base;

a rigid arm assembly extending from the base and including first and second arms having spaced apart distal ends;

first and second flexible cups attached respectively to the first and the second arms such that the cups face one another, wherein the flexible cups can be pressed against the arms to receive sports memorabilia between the cups and then released to hold the memorabilia therebetween; and

sports memorabilia supported between the first and second retainers.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-mentioned application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 3, 4, 11-17, 19, 20, and 33-38 are presently pending in the above-mentioned application. By this Amendment, Applicant has withdrawn claims 11, 12, 33 and 34 without prejudice and amended the specification and claims 1, 14, 17 and 36 to more particularly point out and define the subject matter of the claimed invention. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the preceding amendment.

In the Official Action, the Examiner objected to the disclosure because of the following informalities:

[o]n page 1, line 5, "is" should be --are-- and on line 18, "preferably" should be --preferable--; on page 5, line 1, "Teflon" should be --TeflonTM--; on page 7, line 8 "132" should be --134--; on page 7, line 19, "152" should be --162--; on page 8, lines 10 and 14, "198" has been used to describe both "ball display device" and "arm assembly".

In response thereto Applicant has amended the specification to correct the informalities identified by the Examiner. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the